

ABSOLUTE RATING: **Excellent**
IMPROVEMENT RATING: **Excellent**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 10. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from good to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from below average to excellent.

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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Excellent	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	98.3	99.3	94.7	82.0	85.8	86.9
• Passed 2 subtests	1.7	0.7	4.5	11.4	8.7	7.9
• Passed 1 subtest	0.0	0.0	0.8	4.7	3.9	3.5
• Passed no subtests	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.6	1.6

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	93.7%	43.4%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	93.7%	47.0%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	100.0%	60.3%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Seniors			
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	100.0%	93.7%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	100.0%	N/A	
Students without disabilities	100.0%	93.7%	
Gender			
Male	100.0%	100.0%	
Female	100.0%	89.5%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	100.0%	80.8%	
Hispanic	100.0%	100.0%	
White	100.0%	100.0%	
Other	100.0%	87.5%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	100.0%	75.0%	
Pay for lunch	100.0%	94.5%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	N/A
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	0.0%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,997	N/A	\$5,102	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	91.7%	Down from 92.1%	91.9%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	21.0 to 1	N/A	25.5 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=504)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	46.0%	N/A	75.2%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	97.8%	Up from 97.7%	96.7%	95.3%
• Retention rate	0.2%	Down from 1.6%	5.0%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=38)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.1 Days	Up from 6.4	7.9 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.1%	No change	96.4%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	57.9%	Down from 70.6%	65.3%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	71.1%	Down from 77.1%	88.2%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	1.2%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	83.9%	Up from 83.2%	86.7%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,079	Up 6.9%	\$40,117	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	0.0%	No change	1.7%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	62.0%	N/A	55.5%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	12.0	N/A	6.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	50.1%	N/A	53.4%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	0.4%	No change	3.5%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	5	N/A	42	29
• Gifted and talented	41.9%	Up from 39.8%	14.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	0.8%	Down from 1.6%	6.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	0.5%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	0	N/A	510	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	53.4%	N/A	21.7%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

AMHS goals are to prepare students to be successful in admission to the college of their choice, to demonstrate academic excellence by achieving recognition in awards and scholarships, to be successful college students and to develop commitment to community. AMHS students take a rigorous curriculum and earn 26 to 30 Carnegie units, do required community service, and complete and defend a Senior Thesis.

Here are some facts about students enrolled during the 2000-01 school year:

95% completed the community service requirement.

Students had a mean SAT score of 1213.

There were 2 National Merit Scholars, 3 National Merit Achievement Scholars, and 4 National Merit Commended students.

Students won many academic awards such as Junior Academy of Science, Quest, Foreign Language National Exams, art contest, Low County Science Awards, music awards.

Students were offered over 5 million dollars in scholarships.

9 received South Carolina Academic Honors awards.

77 of 95 graduating seniors were CCSD Board Scholars with average of 93.

12% of seniors received Highest Honors for Senior Thesis.

100% of seniors were accepted to colleges and plan to attend college.

Seniors met the requirement of having taken 5 AP courses.

90% of students participated in clubs and extracurricular activities.

Students and staff received support from PTSA and Booster Clubs through volunteers and monies to support the curriculum.

AMHS continues to offer our students the tools, skills, knowledge, and instruction which will help them to be successful leaders in all their future endeavors.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	68.0	71.3	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	79.2	81.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	91.7	86.0	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Academic Magnet High
1425 Avenue B South
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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 504 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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